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11 November 1963

Dr. Albert D. Wheelon

No answer required
the Lanyard came
to see Dr. Wheelon
on 5 Dec. 63.

ADM-7

Dear Bud:

We were very pleased to have word of the reinstatement of a part of the Lanyard order. While we believe strongly in the capabilities of this system as compared to its competition, we completely accepted the decision to defer the operational use of the equipment pending the resolution of the remaining problems of the other system. We strongly believe that the decision to complete four of the remaining Lanyard units now is a prudent expenditure of government funds.

We are looking forward to your visit to Itek on November 27. Our tentative plan for the day is as follows:

- visit to Newton and Waltham facilities where the M, J and L cameras are being produced.
- briefing on our photo-optical memory-centered processor and especially its applications to automatic language translation.
- [redacted]
- discussion of approaches to a new area coverage system to replace Mural.
- presentation of a long range research program to provide the basis for future reconnaissance systems.

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Since [redacted] and I visited you we have made further progress in the construction of our photo-optical memory-centered processor for language and stenotype translation. We believe that this equipment has reached the point where it can meet your operational requirements and would like the opportunity to present our case before you reach a final decision.

During the same visit we discussed your interest in a proposal from us for long range reconnaissance research and have now prepared such a proposal. This would be one of the subjects we would like to discuss during your visit.

Please let me know if the schedule for discussion meets your needs. We plan to keep all the discussions very informal.

Sincerely,

NRO review(s) completed.

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